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In re Application of Atty. Docket
ROEL VAN WOUDENBERG NL 010154

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Title: MULTILAYER RECORD CARRIER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
THEREOF AND RECORDING THEREON

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5 and 14 as follows:

5. (Amended) A record carrier according to claim 1, wherein said
first and said second guard field contain dummy data for
overwriting previously recorded data.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 11, further comprising
the step of writing dummy data into said first and said second
guard field.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claims 5 and 14 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claim

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 5 and

14:

1 5.(Amended) A record carrier according to claim 1 ~~or 4~~, wherein
2 said first and said second guard field contain dummy data for
3 overwriting previously recorded data.

1 14.(Amended) A method according to claim 11 ~~or 13~~, further
2 comprising the step of writing dummy data into said first and said
3 second guard field.

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